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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I believe that the Microsoft Settlement has wasted millions of taxpayer dollars as well as millions in funds from Microsoft as well. While all this was going on, untold illegal copies were made and sold, further undermining the economy of the US and the technological leadership of American high-tech companies. This has only served to increase the cost of software development and protection. This whole process should have been expedited in order to permit Microsoft to get back to "normal business operations" years earlier.

Microsoft is the leader in software technology and should not be punished because they are good at what they do. The built their market share based on the ability to deliver solid and reliable technology. In reality, Microsoft is the injured party and should be reimbursed for the legal costs required to defend their position.